



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Newsletter 14



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.  
John 14:27

This week, in worship, we have been thinking about the second Advent candle - Peace. As we lit the second candle, it was difficult to think about 'peace' in such a busy time of year. We turned our thoughts back to the Christmas of 1914, though, and thought about how Christmas Day brought a very special peace to the soldiers who were in the trenches that year. We explored how Christmas time can bring out the best in people, and is a good chance to make peace with people who we may normally find it difficult to be peaceful with. I wonder if there is anyone you could make peace with this Christmas?

### WELCOME MRS CADMAN!

I am really pleased to announce that Mrs Cadman has been appointed to teach Year 3 while Mrs French looks after her new baby. She has been working in school this week so that she can meet the children, and we look forward to officially welcoming her to the Bishop's Tachbrook School family in January.



### WWF CHARITY WORK

Continuing our support of the WWF charity, Year 2 have organised some Christmas posters that you can sign with a message for the other children in your class. If you would like your child to sign their class poster, they can bring in a donation for WWF (instead of buying individual Christmas cards) and write their name and a short message. Next Friday, we will copy the posters for the children that have signed them to put up in their bedrooms. What a fantastic way to use less paper, and raise money for such a fantastic cause – great work, Year 2!

### SPARKLE AND SHINE

The children at BT sparkle and shine in so many ways naturally, but have really enjoyed adding some extra sparkle and shine with their Christmas jumpers today. Thank you for your donations to the PTA Christmas FUNdraising project.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to all parents who have completed our survey so far – your thoughts and opinions are very valued. Please can you take a few minutes to complete our '[After School Survey](#)' so that we can hear your views about after school care moving forwards. Due to the COVID restrictions, we will be unable to start new clubs in the Spring term, but have lots of exciting plans for after Easter, when we are hoping restrictions will ease a little... The usual sports clubs, and choir will restart in January, but bills will be sent in the new term, in case Government Guidance changes over the Christmas period.



### SCHOOL DINNERS

I am excited to share that, from January, we will be offering the 'hot box' meals at lunchtimes, at the price of £2.34 for KS2 children, and as part of the Universal Free School Meals for KS1 children. Jacket potatoes will also be offered to children in KS2 as part of the menu. Please click on [the menu](#) to see what the new range of meals will be.

### PTA EVENTS



The Christmas window trail begins today – and there are lots of families who have already made a donation for their map. Don't worry if you haven't donated and received your map yet, as there are three donation / map collection points in the village:

**2 Bradford Close**

**The Old School House, Church Hill**

**1 Commander Close**

Completed maps need to be posted in the box by St Chads for your chance to win the £20 Hill Top Farm voucher.

You can also send a donation into school in a named envelope, and [download your map on this link](#).

There are still more events coming... You can read [the PTA newsletter](#) on the website, but here are some key dates to keep in mind:

- The raffle draw winners will be announced?????????
- **Thursday 17th December** - Naughty Elf Day - choose some rules to break for a donation: Bring in a teddy from home, bring juice or squash instead of water, bring an unhealthy playtime snack, wear own clothes, wear nail varnish or face paint, have any hairstyle or hair accessories. Teachers will give you a pass when you hand in your donation so that Santa, and staff know which rules you have chosen to break.

The PTA will also be selling DVDs of the School Nativity that will be led by Year 2, but involve all of the children in school.

**DVDs of the Christmas play will be £5 – so [please order yours using the order form online](#). Last orders Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Send money into school in a named envelope please.

### PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

We have received three applications for the post of parent governor, which is great news. I have attached each of their statements to this newsletter. Your child has already brought home a ballot paper, but there is [a copy on this link](#) if you need to print one out yourself. Please read the statements and return your ballot forms to school in a **named, sealed envelope** by **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, so that they can be quarantined then counted on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Anybody with parental responsibility is eligible to vote.**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Due to us being in strict bubbles in school, the children will not be able to bring in Christmas cards or gifts for their friends this year. Instead, Year 2 have organised a Christmas poster for each bubble. The children can bring in a donation of (suggested £1) which will go to WWF and write their name on the poster. All children will be given a copy of the poster to take home at the end of term with their friends names on. **Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cards and gifts to staff this year too.** Thank you for your support and understanding.

### IMPORTANT REQUESTS

We have had a near miss, on the playground. Children should not be riding bikes or scooters on school grounds. Please remind your child of this. Also, it is a busy time of year, with lots to do, so please be respectful of our neighbours when dropping off or collecting your child by car, and keep their drives clear. Thank you.

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Having finished lockdown, we have been put into Tier 3: it is still vitally important that we continue to wear masks and observe social distancing on the playground at drop off and collection. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Many families across the country have had to face challenging situations with changes to employment, and more families than ever are requiring to access financial support. Schools can also support families through free school meals, and we are encouraging parents to use [the government portal to find out if they can receive support](#). If your child is eligible for free school meals, the school will also receive additional funding to further support your child in school: from funding for clubs they would like to attend, school trips, and additional support with their learning in class to helping to purchase school uniform. Warwickshire Family Information Service are also able to provide an extensive range of support to families, [click on this link](#) to see what services they can offer.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN SCHOOL

Every class bubble will have a hall session in the last week of term to celebrate Christmas with a party. The children will be sharing their ideas about how they would like to celebrate together. Children will be encouraged to wear their Christmas jumper, or other sparkly top on the day of their party, instead of their school jumper.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Reception am, Year 4 pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 am, Year 5 pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 am, Year 3 pm

## END OF TERM NEWS

The children have worked extremely hard this term, and their attendance has been very good. As a reward, we have organised longer playtimes this week, and some extra playtimes in the afternoons for all of the bubbles. These will be staggered, to follow our risk assessment, but will be a chance for the children to relax with their peers. We have also organised for every class to have a 'film afternoon' as a chance to relax, along with lots of Christmas themed learning opportunities.

The Department for Education have issued information to schools to allow schools to change their INSET day to be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, but our INSET days have been very carefully planned, and it is very late for parents to organise additional childcare at this stage, so **we will not be changing our published arrangements for the end of term**. For more information, please see the [letter to parents](#) on the school website.

## CONTACTING SCHOOL

While we are unable to meet you face to face at the moment, we would like to reassure you that we are still very happy to talk to you about any concerns or questions you may have about your child. If you would like to speak to any of the teachers, we are asking that you email [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com) and we will contact you as soon as we can.

If a teacher has any concerns about your child's learning or behaviour in school, they will contact you by phone to discuss support that we are planning for them.



## WONDERFUL WORSHIP

This week, we held our second 'Wonderful Worship' session and the children had lots of fun worshipping in many different ways – look out for more photos next week!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

- ★ Reception – Beth
- ★ Year 1 – Sam
- ★ Year 2 – The whole class!
- ★ Year 3 – Brandon and Willow-Mai
- ★ Year 4 – Arlo, Aika and Esha
- ★ Year 5 – Zoe
- ★ Year 6 – Seren and Louis

## Headteacher's stars of the week

**Yusuf** for being a calm and resourceful problem-solver!

## HOUSE POINT AWARDS

We were able to award more 20 and 40 house point awards this week – well done to everyone who is earning house points in their learning.

Best wishes,

*C. Kilbey*

Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher



## Fun Fact of the Week:

Did you know... Nobody recorded the score of the football game held between the German and British soldiers on Christmas Day 1914, but since then, England and Germany have played football against each other 32 times in full internationals. England have won 13 games, Germany have won 13 games and 6 games were draws.

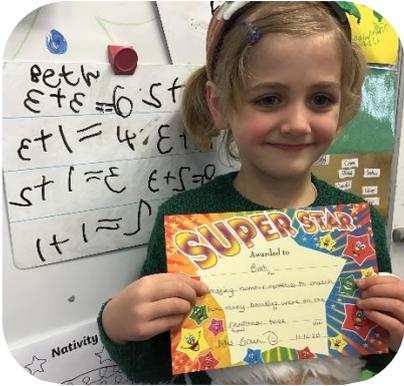
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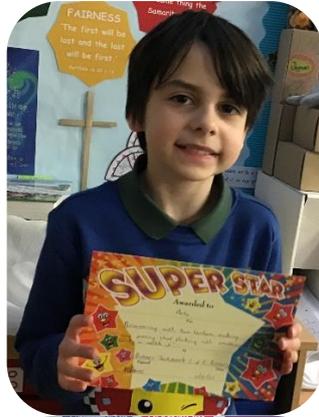
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**Congratulations to all our stars of the week!**



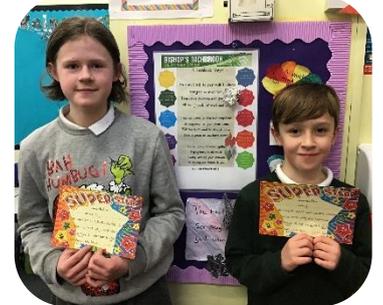
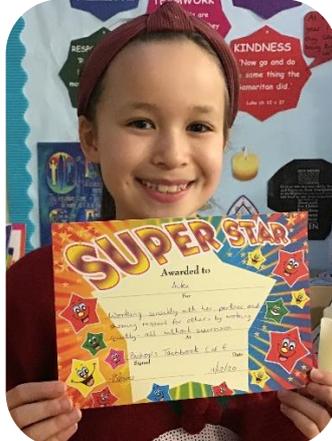
For amazing number sentences to match how many baubles were on the Christmas tree.



For great written work this week.



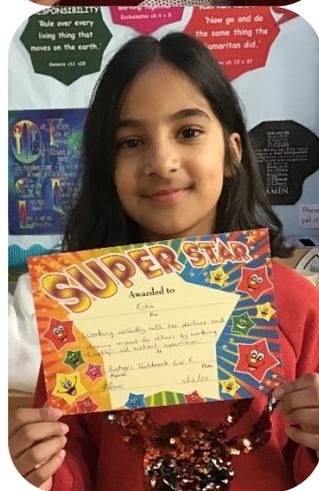
For being a kind and thoughtful member of Year 1.



For always starting tasks quickly and working extremely hard, and for joining in class discussions really well.



For rehearsing and performing so well this week!



For persevering with his lantern making, and for working sensibly with her partner and showing respect to others.



For being a calm and resourceful problem-solver!.



For an amazing attitude towards his writing, and for working hard on her spellings..

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## Parent Governor Statements:

### Jenny Bevan

My wish to become a school governor begins with a desire to create a culture of open communication between children, parents/carers and staff. Parents/carers should feel reassured through clear, timely, proactive communication from the school and I have experience of this through my articles in the parish magazine and chairing the playground committee.

As a governor I would encourage keeping parents/carers in the loop about their children's progress and how parents/carers can best help their children learn, including proactive feedback e.g. at parent's evenings and reports home.

I am passionate about the importance of education in helping all children realise their potential, including best use of pupil premium support to close the attainment gap. Children's academic progress is a key factor in their future success and I would support the delivery of a high quality, value-led educational offer to the whole school, by helping shape the strategic direction.

I'm an active member of the school and parish community, where I listen and learn about what the communities need to thrive. Children should feel safe in school and families should feel they have a positive relationship with staff and I would like to work with the school to make those happen.

### David Guilding

My son is in Year 3 at BT and our daughter attends the pre-school. I believe passionately in education and that our children must be given every opportunity to discover their potential, whatever their circumstances. The school should support the development of not only their academic learning but also their social and emotional strengths.

The voice of parents is so important to the school community and I would make myself available to engage meaningfully with you. I would bring a positive, open approach, would always listen impartially and give a balanced view to ensure that your concerns are heard.

In my day job I am a senior manager for Warwick District Council and have 20 years' experience of working in the creative sector to get things done through continuous improvement and bringing people together. I hope this would help me to confidently challenge decisions that could adversely affect our children's learning.

Big challenges lay ahead after Covid and a lot of work is needed to get all pupils back on track. I would be committed to supporting parents and teaching staff and would drive the changes required to provide our children with the best chance to thrive in an excellent school.

### Verity Howe

*Every child, regardless of their academic ability or background deserves for school to be a positive experience. School life has such an impact on our children's lives and their sense of self: their view of the world and their attitude towards others can all be developed positively in a nurturing and respectful environment. Children learn best when they are enjoying themselves through a wide variety of activities and I would love to be a parent governor in order to be involved in helping to develop the fantastic work done at Bishop's Tachbrook School, both in and out of the classroom.*

*Having experienced education from different perspectives, as a stepmother to a, now, 19 year old, a secondary school languages teacher, and in my current role working with high needs and autistic students at Warwickshire College, I feel that I am well placed to work as part of the team of 'critical friends', ensuring that the culture, values, vision and ethos that are so important to the success of the school, continue to be upheld.*

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